

HOUSE RESOLUTION 11

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rachel Greer on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2012, Rachel Greer was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal’s* “12 Who Made a Difference” for her tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, co-owner of Rachel’s Flowers and Gifts, Mrs. Greer and her recently departed husband, Harry Greer, launched the nonprofit group, “Rachel’s Kids”, in the late 1990s to benefit children in the Binghamton area; and

WHEREAS, the organization has provided local youth with a variety of fun activities and educational programs, such as tutoring, camping trips, church camps, and sporting events, as well as the wildly successful reindeer project, which teaches children how to craft reindeer ornaments to be sold through Rachel’s Flowers with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting the children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Greer is also the proud recipient of the Jefferson Award in recognition of her unending dedication to Binghamton youth; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Rachel Greer takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of “The Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Rachel Greer, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Rachel Greer on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank her for all she has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.